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La Grande-2 Hydroelectric Station, James Bay, Québec

VC3L – 25th Anniversary – La Grande-2 Hydroelectric Station

VC3L confirms QSOs with W9YT

25th Anniversary of the LG-2 Hydroelectric Station

2004	UT	MHz	2Way	RST	QSL
Oct 30	0036	21	SSB	59	Pse
Oct 31	1902	28	SSB	59	Pse

Thanks for the special event contacts.

Ron

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the commissioning of the Robert-Bourassa generating station in the province of Québec, east of James Bay. On October 27, 1979, at 3:35 p.m., René Lévesque, then Premier of Québec, started up Unit No. 9 at La Grande-2, the first of eight generating stations commissioned in the James Bay region. It was Premier Robert Bourassa, the "father of James Bay," who in 1971 gave the green light to the "project of the century" - the La Grande complex, at that time the largest hydropower development in the world. Work on LG-2 started in 1973. Construction at a site in the wilderness 1,000 kilometres north of Montréal presented a whole set of logistic, financial, technical, environmental and human challenges. Upon Mr. Bourassa's death in 1996, the La Grande-2 generating facility was renamed after him.

Facts & Figures

Installed capacity:
5,616 MW
Area of reservoir:
2,815 km^2
Head:
137.2 Metres

(Hydro-Québec archives)

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